It is Sunday the 3rd December 2006 and here is ANARTS with our weekly RTTY broadcast bringing you - cast 1425.
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A.N.A.R.T.S. News Bulletin 1425 for 3rd of December 2006
VU7LD LAKSHADWEEP DXPEDITION HITS THE AIRWAVES
The first of two planned DXpeditions to rare Lakshadweep Islands (VU7) now is on the air. A team sponsored by the Amateur Radio Society of India (ARSI) -- the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) member-society for India -- began operating as VU7LD <http://arsi.info/vu7/> from Kavaratti Island December 1 at around 1830 UTC, The Daily DX <http://www.dailydx.com/> reported this week. Lakshadweep Islands is the second most-wanted DXCC entity. When identifying, operators have been asked to append their own call signs following VU7LD (eg, VU7LD/VU2PAI), The Daily DX says. Also, be prepared to wait your turn for a QSO.
"As with any major DXpedition to a rare location, such as the Lakshadweep Islands, the pileups are going to be extremely large," advises The Daily DX (and QST "How's DX?") Editor Bernie McClenny, W3UR. "Certain areas of the world will have a more difficult time than other areas. When the operator asks for a certain area please respect their plea."
According to McClenny, the Americas could be among the "more difficult" areas. The VU7LD Web site soon will have a propagation forecast page <http://arsi.info/vu7/propagation.html>, he reports in The Daily DX.
VU7LD plans to operate from three or four locations on the island, with up to six stations in all. This all-Indian DXpedition will be on the air through December. QSL via W3HNK.
Meanwhile, a second Lakshadweep foray has returned to its original plans to commence in mid-January instead of December, thus avoiding the potential for on-air conflict. The second VU7 DXpedition <http://www.vu7.in/>, under the auspices of the National Institute for Amateur Radio (NIAR), will kick off with a three-day hamfest January 15, and the DXpedition will continue for approximately 10 days. The NIAR DXpedition plans to operate as VU7RG, in honor of the late Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, VU2RG.
NIAR says "well-known, experienced operators" staffing three operating sites will "work closely together to avoid multiple stations on the air using overlapping frequencies."
Concerns arose within the DX community in October after NIAR had rescheduled its event from January to December, and it appeared the two DXpeditions would have multiple stations on the air at the same time during early December.
from the ARRL Letter 2nd December 2006

IPS Weekly Solar and Geophysical Report for 24th to 30th November, issued on 1st December by the IPS Radio and Space Services.
SUMMARY

Date	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10cm flux	77	79	78	82	86	85	84
AFr index	10	10	9	7	4	6 (20 estimated)	
Aaus index	13	11	10	7	5	8 (21 estimated)	
T index	1	-2	-15	-12	-14	7	3

Solar flare activity was low on 29th and very low for the rest of the period.
Geomagnetic activity observed for the Australian Region was quiet to active on 24th, 25th and 29th; quiet to unsettled on 26th and 27th; quiet to 28th; and quiet to minor storm on 30th.
Southern Australian Ionospheric F2 critical frequencies were mostly near predicted on 24th; depressed 15 per cent to near predicted on 25th; near predicted to 20 per cent depressed on 26th;

near predicted to 30 per cent depressed on 27th; depressed 25 per cent to near predicted on 28th; near predicted on 29th; and mostly near predicted to 25 per cent depressed on 30th.
Forecast for 1st to 7th December
Solar activity should be low.
Geomagnetic should be active on 7th, and quiet to unsettled on other days.
Frequencies should be briefly depressed after local dawn on 7th, and near predicted monthly values on other days.
courtesy of the IPS Radio and Space Services
summary by Pat VK2JPA ANARTS Broadcast Officer

The VK2SG Rtty DX Notes have not arrived as of Sunday afternoon so the ARRL DX News is being substituted in its place.

ARLD050 DX news
CHINA, BY. Operators BA4XA, BA4VE, BD3APX, BD4IXA, BG4VES and BG6IQD will be QRV as BI4N from Linshan Island, IOTA AS-150, from December 6 to 10. Activity will be on all HF bands. QSL direct via BA4XA.
BAHAMAS, C6. Brian, ND3F is QRV as C6AQQ from New Providence, IOTA NA-001, until December 3. He will also be active on the ARRL 160-Meter contest. QSL to home call. In addition, four members of the SouthWest Ohio DX Association will be QRV as C6DX and C6AXX from Eleuthera Island, IOTA NA-001, from December 5 to 13. They will be active on all HF bands and 6 meters with three stations. They will also be QRV in the upcoming ARRL 10-Meter contest. QSL C6DX via W8GEX and C6AXX via W9IXX.
SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS. Sang is QRV as DT8A from King George Island and has been active on 20 meters around 0100z. QSL via HL2FDW.
THAILAND, HS. Look for Champ, E21EIC, Dej, E21YDP, Bruce, HS0ZCY and Alex, UT5UY to be QRV as E21EIC/p from Lipe Island, IOTA AS-126, in the Malay Peninsula South West Group from December 5 to 12. They will also be active with their own Thai callsigns. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL to home calls.
DJIBOUTI, J2. Eric, ON7SAT is QRV as J20SA until December 16. Activity is on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters using SSB in his spare time. QSL to home call.
JAPAN, JA. Look for JA6WFM/6, JM6EBU/6 and JF6YME/6 to be QRV from Yoron Island, IOTA AS-023, in the Amami Island Group, from December 4 to 7. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to home calls.
AMERICAN SAMOA, KH8. Operators N0FW, K4ZLE, W6KK and N9NS are QRV as KH8Q until December 14. Activity is on 160 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. This includes entries in the ARRL 160-Meter and upcoming ARRL 10-Meter contests. QSL direct via W8QID.
ANTARCTICA. Mitko, LZ1UQ and Danny, LZ2UU are QRV as LZ0A from the Bulgarian Base St. Kliment Ohridski until January 3, 2007. LZ1UQ will also be active as VP8/LZ1UQ in some of the HF contests during this time.
ARUBA, P4. Dave, K9UK, John, W9KXQ, Bill, WW9WW, Dave, WG9J and Tom, W9AEB are QRV as P40Z until December 5. QSL via K9UK.
CANADA, VE. To mark the 100th anniversary of Reginald Fessenden's first AM voice broadcast on December 24, 1906, Canadian amateurs are active with special callsign prefixes until January 31, 2007.
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS, VP5. Kelly, N0VD will be QRV as VP5/N0VD from December 2 to 12. Activity will be on the HF bands. He will also be active as VP5D in the upcoming ARRL 10-Meter contest. QSL to home call.
LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS, VU. Members of the Amateur Radio Society of India are QRV as VU7LD (and possibly VU7LD/homecalls) from Kavaratti Island, IOTA AS-011, from December 1 to 31. They are active on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, SSTV and PSK. QSL via W3HNK.
LAOS, XW. Larry is QRV as XW1A and has been active on 20 meters around 0200z. QSL via E21EIC.
INDONESIA, YB. Mat, YC8TDE/p is QRV from Ternate Island, IOTA OC-145, until December 15. He is usually QRV on 40 and 15 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 786 - excerpts
DXCC NEWS
"How Do I Qualify to Receive the 2006 DXCC Yearbook?" by Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Branch Manager (dated November 15th):
End of the Calendar Year - Reminder...
"In order to receive a copy of the 2006 DXCC Yearbook at no cost, you must have made at least one DXCC submission for the year 2006, and it must be/have been postmarked by December 31, 2006. This is also the date on which the DXCC Challenge standings will be based for the Yearbook. In order to receive the free

copy of the Yearbook you must be an ARRL member and have made a DXCC submission during the 2006 calendar year,
-- OR --
You must be an ARRL member and be current on the DXCC Honor Roll. If you are an ARRL member and current on the DXCC Honor Roll, you will receive a copy of the Yearbook even if you did not make a DXCC submission during the year.
In either case, you must be an ARRL member to receive a free copy of the DXCC Year book. The 2006 DXCC Yearbook will be available in the Spring of 2007. Copies of past editions are still available to anyone for $5 plus postage......."
73 es DX! Bill Moore, NC1L, DXCC Branch Manager - www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc
IOTA NEWS
AS-126. An International group of operators, namely Champ/E21EIC (Team leader), Dej/E21YDP, Bruce/AA4XR/HS0ZCY and Alex/ UT5UY will operate mainly as E21EIC/P from one of the most wanted Thailand IOTAs - Lipe Island, in the Malay Peninsula South West Group, between December 5-12th. Also, operators will use their own Thai callsigns. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, CW, SSB and the digital modes. QSL via their home callsigns.
AS-150. Look for operators Kevin/BA4XA, Roy/BA4VE, Zhang/BD3APX, Zhang/BD4IXA, BG4VES and Chang/BG6IQD to be active as BI4N from Linshan Island, December 6-10th. Activity will be on all HF bands, using a Kenwood TS480HX, TS450s, 2 element 40m yagi, 4 element triband yagi and 30m vertical. QSL via BA4XA, driect only.
NA-034. Operators Chris/K8QV, Jim/N4AAC, Rick/KG4MRH, Tracy/KG4MRG, Mike/N4MAA and Mike/AI4JD will active as W4A for the first activation of the Terria Verde lighthouse (ARLHS USA-1335) located on Cunningham Key (USi FL-284S, Pinellas County), Florida. Activity will be between December 8-11th on the following suggested SSB frequencies: 3875, 7235, 14310 and 21330 kHz. QSL via K8CXM (QRZ.com).
NA-110. Rich, K4FCP, willl be active as K4FCP/p from Hunting Island, December 27-30th. Activity will be on 20/15 meters. QSL via K4BMS (QRZ.com).
SA-023. Cris, PY7GK, will be active as ZY6GK from Itaparica Island, December 27-30th. Activity will be mainly 20/15/10 meters CW/SSB, and possibly 40/30 meters. QSL via the bureau or direct. Please, no eQSL.
SA-050. Oscar, LU1XS, has received authorizations by the Chilean government to go Navarino Islands between December 8-10th. He will sign CE8/LU1XS and be active on 40/20/15/10 meters CW. QSL via LU1XS or LoTW.
KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA
Look for KH8Q to be active starting December 1st, and finishing on December 14th. The operators are Pete/N0FW, Jay/K4ZLE, Charlie/W6KK and Mike/N9NS. They will be active on 160-10 meters, CW and SSB, including efforts in the ARRL 160m and 10m Contests. QSL via W8QID only. If you use the KH8Q mailing address your card could be delayed as long as forever!
VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS (NA-002)
Look for Kelly, N0VD, to be operating from here December 2-12th, with an entry in the ARRL 10m Contest as VP5D. Before and after the contest, Kelly will be signing VP5/N0VD with a concentration on the lower bands. A special effort will also be made to activate various digital modes on all bands outside of the 10m contest. QSL both VP5D and VP5/N0VD direct, via the bureau or LoTW.
VU7LD DXPEDITION, LAKSHADWEEP ISLAND UPDATE
Gopal, VU2GMN, on November 18th reports (in VU7LD PRESS RELEASE # 5): "All heavy equipment and supplies were loaded onto MSV Abbas from Mangalore and has sailed this morning to Kavaratti. Pictures of the boat that is carrying the stuff being loaded and sailing away are on our newly introduced photo gallery on the webpage http://arsi.info/vu7
. We will add more pictures as they become available. More information is also now on the webpage regarding support received etc.
We are very happy to have received confirmation of support from NCDXF. Their logo is now on our webpage. This will go a long way for our operation. Our thanks to the NCDXF and others who are supporting us.
Tickets on the ship to Lakshadweep are very difficult now as it is the Hajj season and Hajj travelers get priority. However tickets are in hand for the first batch of operators and the setup team and they leave by the MV Bharat

Seema which departs from Kochi port on the 29th November AM. It will reach Kavaratti on the 30th morning giving just a day to get all stations QRV. The second batch will leave around the 12th December, the exact date depending on the ship sailing schedule and a third batch around the 22nd December 2006. Stay tuned... 73, de Gopal, VU2GMN"

VU7RG DXPEDITION/HAMFEST, LAKSHADWEEP ISLAND UPDATE

Mohan, VU2MYH, reports on November 22nd: "We are pleased to inform that the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Department of Telecommunications, WPC wing has released the first list of Special permission issued to foreign hams holding Indian amateur radio license to operate amateur radio stations from Bangaram, Kadmat and Agathi in Lakshadweep Islands.

VU7RG - The special callsign for hams participating in Hamfest. Amateur Radio Operations will start on January 15th, 2007. Until today a total of 33 DX Hams have been officially approved for the VU7RG operation!"

XT2, BURKINA FASO (Update)

The Provins ARS (F6KOP) announced their next DXpedition will be to Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, and will be active as XT2C between January 6-20th (See OPDX.780 and OPDX.783). The F6KOP group announced this past week that their XT2C Web page is up and running at:

http://xt2c.free.fr/home_uk.html

YI, IRAQ

Bob, N2OO, informs OPDX that his friend Mitch Gill, K7TUT, who is serving in Iraq, has finally received his license after a very long wait. Mitch will be signing YI9TU and will be operating out of Tallil AB, Iraq, just outside of UR, location of the Ziggurat of UR and birthplace of Abraham whose home is there as well.

Look for him to be on 40/20/17/10 meters, SSB, CW and PSK31 to start. His hours will be sporadic between 1500-1800z (because he gets no days off). Also, look on Sundays between 0400-0600z. Mitch will be on R&R in the states from approximately between December 13-30th. He will be back on the air between January and February until he is moved into Tent City as he prepares to come home sometime in March. ALL QSLs go to N2OO. Mitch states, "... be patient with me as I am a rookie at being a DX station ,but I want to give out as many QSOs as possible."

The Society can be contacted in the following ways: To Pat VK2JPA via patleeper at optusnet.com.au, or you can drop a line to PO Box 93 Toongabbie NSW 2146.

73’s from Pat VK2JPA broadcast Officer